

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME HALF-YEARLY NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM HEADS



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IB PRINCIPAL

As the Principal IB programme, I am happy to welcome you all to another milestone of learning journey. It gives me immense pleasure to share with you the second edition of Arion's Voice. At the end of every three months, we will be sharing the newsletters showcasing the glimpses of school events to provide you all with the information about all our approaches to learning.

The academic year 2023-24 began with innumerable achievements, well-organised school events and activities. Our students' enthusiastic participation in events like intramural competitions, internal competitions, school assemblies, observances of UN days, whole school celebrations, and interschool competitions were exemplary. The Annual Day celebration stood as a platform for our young learners to showcase their talents. It's time now for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. When we return in January, we will be welcoming many new families to Manchester to what promises to be an even more action-packed semester.



MS. SARANYA C
IB PYP COORDINATOR

At Manchester International School, IB Primary Years Programme offers opportunities to inquire through the lens of concepts to acquire 21st-century learning skills. Student Agency operates as a tool to accomplish the constructive approach in PYP. Students have the space to design and demonstrate their knowledge and conceptual understanding.

Technology plays an integral role in accelerating the learning process. Every child's ownership of learning is evident from their technical skills. We strive to enhance their inquiry-based learning styles and stage knowledge through their actions to build a sustainable world.

As a learning community, it is our responsibility to develop a learning platform to cultivate the attributes of a learner and ensure their physical, emotional, cognitive, spiritual, and social well-being to transform them into global citizens. Involving children in international projects, events, and talk shows, integrated with UN Sustainable Development Goals, help enrich their caliber to address global challenges and evolve as better humans.

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**THE LEARNING COMMUNITY
MEET THE PYP TEAM**



At Manchester International School, our mission is to provide a dynamic educational environment, by encouraging excellence. All students are challenged to reach their maximum potential by learning at their functional level to provide a solid foundation of skills, knowledge, and values. This foundation enables each student to become a well-educated, productive adult who will be able to cope with an ever-changing world.

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PYP INTERNAL COMPETITIONS



International Peace Day & International Sign Language Day MIME Competition

On commemorating the International peace day and International Day of Sign Languages, the IB PYP of Manchester International school organised a MIME competition. The 2023 theme for International day of peace is "Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #Global Goals", contributing to the sustainable development goals(SDGs). And the theme for Sign Language Day is "A World Where Deaf People Can Sign Anywhere".

The contestants dressed in traditional mime costumes did the art justice including face paint, gloves, and costume making the mime professional. By connecting the themes our young and energetic participants presented a magnificent dramatic performance through brilliant gestures and body movements. As a team they depicted the SDGs like clean water and sanitation; no poverty; zero hunger; quality education; gender equality; and reduced inequality. Overall it was a great show as each team tried their level best to leave the impact on the audience making them aware of the social issues in connection with sustainable development goals.

World Food Day Cook without fire contest

In the spirit of World Food Day, we the IB Primary Years Program of Manchester International School, took the opportunity to educate our students about the global food security challenges we face. The students of IB PYP 1 to 5 came together to celebrate World Food Day with a "Cook Without Fire" competition. The competition challenged our young chefs to prepare delicious and nutritious snacks without using fire or any heat source. It was heartwarming to see the enthusiasm of the participants as they embarked on this journey of culinary exploration. The event, organized with the spirit of culinary innovation and sustainability showcased the culinary talents of our young participants. Adult supervision was provided at every step to ensure that the young chefs could explore their culinary skills in a secure environment.

From colourful fruit salads and inventive vegetable wraps to melting sweets and more, the students' culinary creations were nothing short of impressive. Our panel of judges had a tough task ahead, as the dishes presented were not only nutritious but also visually appealing. The criteria for judging included creativity, nutritional value, presentation, and adherence to the theme. The "Cook Without Fire" competition was not only a culinary success but also a fantastic educational opportunity for our students. It reinforced the importance of responsible food choices, sustainability, and global food security, all while celebrating the joy of cooking.



Halloween Mono act Competition

Our PYP block had the funniest, scariest Halloween celebration today as students celebrated the spooky day in style. The school was filled with ghouls, goblins, and ghosts of all ages as students came dressed in their most creative costumes. The costumes were truly impressive, with students dressed up as everything from superheroes to villains to pop culture icons. There was a haunted house, trick-or-treating stations, face painting, games, and crafts. The haunted house was a hit with students of all ages, with some students even screaming as they made their way through the dark and spooky rooms. The face painting was a favorite with students who wanted to get into the Halloween spirit. Students could choose from a variety of designs, including skulls, spiders, and cats. Students had a blast enjoying the spooky atmosphere. The mono act competition highlighted both the acting skills and intelligence of students.



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WINNERS
CORNER

MIME COMPETITION

PYP 1



WINNERS
Team #No Poverty



RUNNERS-UP
Team #Zero Hunger

PYP 2



WINNERS
Team #Clean Water and Sanitation



RUNNERS-UP
Team #Quality Education

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WINNERS
CORNER

MIME COMPETITION

PYP 3



WINNERS
Team #Climate Action



RUNNERS-UP
Team #Responsible Consumption
and Production

PYP 4



WINNERS
Team #Peace, Justice and Strong
Institutions



RUNNERS-UP
Team #Good Health and Well-being

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**WINNERS
CORNER**

MIME COMPETITION

PYP 5



WINNERS
Team #Gender Equality



RUNNERS-UP
Team #Reduced Inequalities

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WINNERS
CORNER

PYP INTERNAL COMPETITION
COOK WITHOUT FIRE CONTEST

#1st Position



Aadhvik Sai M
PYP1



Magizhan S.S
PYP2



Sanjanaa R.S
PYP3



Harmithasree S
PYP4



Amitav kumar
PYP5

#2nd Position



Dishen Adway A
PYP1



Mithun
PYP2



Sashmitha S
PYP3



Krethick T
PYP3



Tiahra Aggarwal
PYP4



Shruthineha S
PYP5

#3rd Position



Prahlad V
PYP1



Yazhisai S
PYP1



Lakshith R
PYP2



Diya Karchan
PYP2



Mithran
PYP2



Dhruv Bahirathan
PYP3



Vikash Selvaraj
PYP3



Sangamitra S.N
PYP 4



Sean Liam Ezekiel
PYP5



Subiksha
PYP5

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**WINNERS
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**HALLOWEEN DAY
MONO ACT CONTEST**

#1st Position



Joshnee Vivek
PYP1



Lakshith R
PYP2



Dhruv Bhagirathan
PYP3



Harmithasree
PYP 4



Pranav Kumar
PYP5

#2nd Position



Aadhvik Sai M
PYP1



Advikha Pradeep
PYP2



Sashmitha S
PYP3



Aadhira
PYP 4



Amitav Kumar
PYP5

#3rd Position



Dishen Adway
PYP1



Varunavi
PYP2



Vikash Selvaraj
PYP3



Sasvath R J
PYP3



Tiahra Agarwal
PYP4



Vihaan
PYP5

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INTRAMURAL COMPETITIONS



POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

The object of basic education is the physical, intellectual, and moral development of children through the medium of handicrafts." - M.K. Gandhi

The Intramural Poster-Making Competition- A Reflection of Gandhi's Vision witnessed the world of colors and creativity where the artistic skills of our school community came together to reflect the timeless vision of Mahatma Gandhi. The event aimed to celebrate the values and principles championed by Gandhi through the captivating medium of art. Participants were encouraged to align their creations with key aspects of Gandhi's philosophy, such as non-violence, truth, simplicity, and equality. The posters served as visual narratives, effectively communicating the profound impact of these principles on our contemporary world. The competition aimed to bridge the gap between art and social responsibility by encouraging participants to explore Gandhi's principles and connect them to the SDGs. Our students demonstrated their commitment to creating a better, more sustainable world through the language of art.

DECLAMATION COMPETITION

The Inclusive and spirited atmosphere of the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) Declamation Contest brought together students from PYP 1 to 5, representing four vibrant houses: Pankti, Sarangi, Chethak, and Kanthaka. All students were encouraged to participate, presenting a wonderful opportunity to showcase their oratory skills and enhance their confidence. The competition commenced with the preliminary rounds, where participants showcased their oratory skills, representing their favourite great personalities. Students showcased their ability to articulate thoughts but also their awareness of global issues. The competition truly became a platform for young minds to voice their opinions on matters close to their hearts.

The culmination of the contest unfolded on finals, where the best speakers from each house competed. The winners not only demonstrated exceptional oratory skills but also embodied the values of the PYP curriculum.

The PYP Declamation Contest served as a testament to the power of effective communication and the rich diversity within the school community. Through this event, students not only honed their public speaking abilities but also developed a deeper understanding of the importance of voicing their thoughts.



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**WINNERS
CORNER**

**INTRAMURAL ART COMPETITION
POSTER MAKING COMPETITION**

Category 1

#1st Position



Sanjith Ragav
PYP 2
Chetak

#2nd. Position



Advikha Pradeep
PYP2
Chetak

Tulya
PYP 2
Chetak

#3rd Position



Joshnee Vivek
PYP 1
Chetak

Category 2

#1st Position



Mrittika
PYP 5
Chetak

#2nd. Position



Pradhyun
PYP 5
Sarangi

#3rd Position



Sangamitra.S.N
PYP 4
Kanthaka

Sashmitha.S
PYP 3
Pankti

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WINNERS
CORNER

INTRAMURAL COMPETITION
DECLAMATION COMPETITION

Category 1

#1st Position



Tharsha Hiran
PYP2
Kanthaka

#2nd. Position



Joshnee Vivek
PYP 1
Chetak

Lakshith
PYP 2
Chetak

#3rd Position



Madhumeera
PYP 2
Pankti

Category 2

#1st Position



Mrittika
PYP 5
Chetak

#2nd. Position



Kamya
PYP 5
Pankti

#3rd Position



Sashmitha.S
PYP 3
Pankti

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**PYP
ACADEMIC GLIMPSSES**

#UNIT OF INQUIRY



#PYP1

#PYP2

#PYP3



#PYP4



#PYP5

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PYP ACADEMIC GLIMPSES

#LANGUAGES – READING, WRITING, LISTENING & SPEAKING, VIEWING & PRESENTING



#NUMERACY – CONSTRUCTING, TRANSFERRING, & APPLYING



#SDG – ACTION



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CELEBRATIONS

Children's Day Celebration

The World Children's Day celebration at Manchester International School showcased an extravaganza of talent! It was a day filled with songs, dances, games, and laughter, and it was clear that everyone had a wonderful time. From the Head of School to the EYP teacher, everyone was on stage performing for their students. There were no inhibitions, no ego, just a pure joy of being together and celebrating the innocence and creativity of our children. It was a day that reminded us of the importance of nurturing our children and providing them with the opportunities they need to grow and thrive. It was a day that showed us the power of positivity and the joy that can be found in simply letting go and having fun. We are so grateful to our children for keeping us alive with their innocence and for bringing so much joy into our lives. They are our greatest treasure, and we will always cherish the moments we spend with them.

Christmas Celebration

In the spirit of festive cheer our PYP block was transformed into a winter wonderland as students came together to celebrate Christmas with enthusiasm and joy. The corridors echoed with laughter and holiday spirit as the school hosted a myriad of delightful activities. The festivity kicked off with a creative twist of Christmas Pod Decoration. Each pod showcased its unique interpretation of the holiday theme, turning the school into a festive masterpiece of colors and creativity.

Adding an element of mystery and excitement, the students eagerly revealed their Secret friend pairings, creating an atmosphere of anticipation and camaraderie. Keeping alive the tradition of spreading good wishes, a Greeting Card Exchange allowed students to express their heartfelt messages to fellow classmates. The exchange not only strengthened connections but also brought smiles to many faces as heartfelt sentiments were shared.

The school resounded with melodious tunes as students gathered for a heartwarming Carol Singing session. From classic hymns to modern renditions, the voices of the students echoed the joy and meaning of Christmas, creating a festive ambiance that resonated throughout the school. Adding a lively touch to the celebrations, students showcased their talents on the dance floor, turning the festivities into a vibrant celebration. The dance performances brought energy and excitement, with students reveling in the joy of the season.

As the day unfolded with laughter, music, and dance, Manchester truly became a hub of festive spirit. The Christmas celebrations not only provided a break from routine but also fostered a sense of community, leaving lasting memories of joy and togetherness.



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ANNUAL DAY



From the delicate moves of the Juniors to the electrifying energy of the Seniors, December 16th, 2023, was a feast for both the eyes and the ears. It was a celebration of talent, dedication, and the transformative power of music and emotions.

The Juniors' showcase, was aptly titled "Music Adventures." Early Years to Grade 5 students took the stage, their delicate steps and vibrant innocence filling the hall with warmth. Each performance, from the smallest twinkle toes to the most confident renditions, passed the baton of musical joy to the next, culminating in a crescendo of youthful talent. The afternoon saw the Seniors take center stage with "Emotions: Feel the Colours of Your Soul." This powerful showcase celebrated the rich flavour of human emotions, from delicate grace to soaring energy. Every act resonated with heartfelt authenticity, keeping the bar of excellence soaring high.

Both events were graced by the inspiring presence of Ms. Kalpana Arvind, Associate Director of LEOS-ISRO, as the Chief Guest. Her poignant speeches resonated with students and faculty alike, leaving us with a renewed sense of passion and purpose. Chairman Dr. P S Moorthi, Correspondent Ms. Priya Moorthi, and the Head of School also added their invaluable presence, solidifying the spirit of community and support that underpins our school.

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SIXTH SENSE II #SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT



Sixth Sense II of IB PYP served as a platform for our young learners to exhibit their learning in diverse ways. On their second theme, "How We Organize Ourselves", students inquired about urban and rural life; organisation and its purpose; needs and wants; economic activities and its interdependency; government system and its influence. The unit of inquiries from PYP1-5 showcased the different ways how we organize ourselves. The comparative case study and folk song of PYP1, organization based role play of PYP2, sustainable cities and communities model of PYP3, oral presentation of their career by PYP5, and the TED talk as ministers of various government sectors by PYP5 were the highlights of the event.

Student taking ownership of their learning was evident during their preparation for the summative assessment. Through their choice of performance the students were able to voice out their reflections. This event marked the evidence of Student Agency in PYP. Assessment strategies like GRASP, helps the students to attain confidence and enhance the leadership qualities.

Overall it was an fabulous event!

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SIXTH SENSE III - STEAM EXHIBITION #SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT



Our Sixth Sense organised to mark the celebration of our learning on the theme “HOW THE WORLD WORKS” contributed to the sustainable science practices in diverse ways.

The STEAM exhibition provided students with an opportunity to develop their creativity, problem-solving abilities, and communication skills and encouraged the students to contribute to building a sustainable future.

Students in PYP1 through PYP5 exhibited their scientific understanding by conducting experiments on the matter and its properties; establishing the relationship between ancient and modern technologies; demonstrating the principles of simple machines; models showing their space exploration; differentiating the different forms of settlements; creating a miniature of energy resources; modelling the application of force in association with Newton’s laws.

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PYP SEMESTER 1 PTM



The echoes of enthusiasm from our recent Primary Years Programme (PYP) Parent-Teacher Meeting still resonate, and we are thrilled to share the remarkable strides our students have taken on their academic and skill development paths. Each child's academic journey is unique, and it's heartening to see the progress they've made. From mastering new concepts to showcasing creative problem-solving skills, our PYP students are truly flourishing. Beyond books, our students are honing a diverse set of skills. Whether it's critical thinking, communication, or collaboration, their growth is a testament to the holistic education we strive to provide.

The PTM provided an insightful platform to discuss your child's individual progress. The collaborative discussions with our dedicated educators shed light on the personalized attention given to nurture each student's potential. The partnership between home and school is fostering an environment where our students thrive academically and develop essential life skills.



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WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!!!

